



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **ROBERT F. MILLER and  
DANIEL D. FREITAS**

File Ref.:  
**505981**

Application Serial No.: **10/806,657**

Art Unit:  
**3679**

Filing Date: **22 March 2004**

Examiner:  
Unknown

For: **METAL PIPE COUPLING AND ASSEMBLY**

**PETITION TO ADVANCE EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102( c)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to advance the examination of the above-identified patent application, on the basis of the age of the applicant, Robert F. Miller.

Attached hereto is a **DECLARATION** by the applicant, Robert F. Miller, in support of this **PETITION**. Prompt consideration and granting of this **PETITION** are respectfully urged.

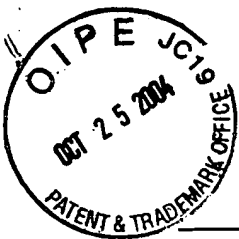
It is our understanding 37 C.F.R. 1.102 ( c) provides that no fee is required where the basis for the petition to make an application special is the applicant's age. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 04-0039 (order 505981).

Respectfully submitted,  
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Sir:

I, Robert F. Miller, hereby declare that I an inventor named in the above-identified patent application and that I am at present greater than 65 years of age.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 in the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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